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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Preaching of the Introductory Sermon.
2. Reading letters from the churches.
3. Permanent election of officers.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appoint committee on Religious Services for the session.
6. Receive correspondence and recognition of officials.
7. Return correspondence.
8. Reports of Standing Committees.
9. Appointment of Standing Committees.
10. Close of each day read and correct Minutes.
11. Miscellaneous or new business.

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The Cahaba Baptist Association convened in her sixty-fourth annual session with Pine Flat church, on Friday, 11 o'clock a. m., before the third Sabbath in October, 1881.

In absence of the regular appointee, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. E. F. Baber, from 1st Samuels, 5th chapter, 2nd to 5th verses inclusive.

After a recess of one hour, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. S Ford The letters of the churches were read by Brethren E. J. Forrester and G. S. Anderson, and the delegates enrolled as follows:

ANTIOCH—A. M. Vaughn, J. T. Thigpen, Thos. Crawford.

BETHEL—N. H. Thompson, J. D. James, J. P. Harris.

BETHLEHEM—None.

CONCORD—Benj. F. Bolling, S. S. Bolling, Jas. M. Waters, F. M. Edwards, S. A. Bolling.

EPHESUS—G. D. Pannells, J. W. Huey.

FELLOWSHIP—J. T. Curb, J. L. Curb, J. D. Holifield, E. Fagan.

FRIENDSHIP—Sam'l M. Adams, J. B. Crow, Jno. W. Cochran.

HARMONY—David S. Griffin

HEPSIBAH—H. F. Hagard, L. P. Nichols.

HOPEWELL—W. H. McIntosh, D. S. Hogue, J. A. Evins.

MACON—E. J. Forrester, J. T. Collins, J. A. Collins.

MACEDONIA—None.

MARS HILL—A. J. Kynard, W. R. Martin, Thos. Lester.

MEDLINE—None.

MT. GILEAD—None.

MT. HEBRON—J. S. Ford, P. T. Harris, Jas. Holbrook.

MT. PLÉASANT—None.

MT. ZION—D. B. Snead, W. J. Lightsey.

NEW HOPE—W. O. Stevens, W. B. Massengale, George Hoggle, J. S. Davis.

NEWBERNE—G. S. Anderson, T. C. Andrews, W. H. Sadler.

OCMULGEE—C. C. Smith, O. H. Perry, B. P. Watson, J. A. Kenington.

OAK GROVE—E. S. White, N. Daniel, J. A. McCreary, W. P. McCollum.

PLEASANT HILL—J. D. Geddie, J. M. Johnson, W. Skelton

PINE FLAT—P. C. Drew, E. P. George, W. P. Suttles, R. P. McCullough.

PISGAH—Jno. A. Fuller, B. F. Garrison, J. Y. Radford, W. T. Pearson, J. A. Giles.

PROVIDENCE—W. B. Crumpton, Lewis Johnson, L. H. Moseley.

SARDIS—R. Y. Sims, E. Tucker.

SELMA—W. C. Cleveland, T. S. Bowen, H. S. D. Mallory, R. C. Keeble, J. W. Hudson, J. D. Moseley.

SILAM—E. T. Winkler, L. R. Gwaltney, T. M. Bailey, L. L. Lee, A. Lawson, J. B. Lovelace, P. King, J. T. Murfee, J. H. Lee.

UNION—T. J. Kinnaird, A. J. May, H. T. Stringfellow, J. E. Stringfellow.

UNIONTOWN—Sam'l Woodfin.

The Association was permanently organized by the election, the vote being taken by acclamation, of the former officers: Rev. J. S. Ford, Moderator; L. L. Lee, Clerk; Alfred Lawson, Treasurer.

On motion, Brethren Keeble, White and Hogue, with Pastor and Deacons of Pine Flat church, appointed committee on preaching.

Brethren E. F. Baber and E. J. Forrester, from the Alabama, Brethren A. L. Blizard and W. N. Huckabee, from the Unity, and Brethren Caine and Setzler, from the Bethel Association, received as Corresponding Messengers, and invited to seats in our body.

On motion, Rev. W. H. McIntosh, D. D., be recognized in his official capacity of Secretary of the Home Mission Board.

On motion, Rev. W. C. Cleveland D.D., be received as representative of the State Mission Board.

On motion, the same be received as representative of the *Alabama Baptist*.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Alabama Association—W. C. Cleveland, G. S. Anderson, B. P. Watson.

To the Bethel Association—W. H. McIntosh, G. S. Anderson, P. C. Drew.

To the Unity Association—R. C. Keeble, T. S. Bowen.

To the Tuscaloosa Association—W. H. McIntosh, W. A. Bishop, J. S. Ford.

In absence of the standing committees the following were appointed by the Moderator:

State Missions—R. C. Keeble, chairman; N. H. Thompson, James Watters.

Home Missions—G. S. Anderson, chairman; O. H. Perry, W. R. Martin.

Sunday Schools—E. J. Forrester, chairman; Felin Harris, Jas. Tubb.

Religious Condition of Churches—A. J. Kynard, chairman; H. T. Stringfellow, Lewis Johnson.

Foreign Missions—W. C. Cleveland, chairman; E. P. George, D. B. Snead.

Report of Committee on Preaching read, and, with amendment, adopted.

Rev. A. L. Blizzard to preach at 7:30 o'clock, Friday night.

Rev. W. N. Huckabee, Saturday night, 7:30 o'clock.

Dr. L. R. Gwaltney, the regular Missionary sermon, Sunday, 11 a. m.

Dr. W. H. McIntosh, a Missionary sermon, Sunday, 11 a. m., at the stand.

Rev. W. C. Cleveland, D. D., Sabbath afternoon, 2 o'clock.

R. C. KEEBLE, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

Rev. A. L. Blizzard, according to appointment, preached a good sermon to a good congregation. Text: "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on to perfection."—Hebrews, 6th chapter, part of 1st verse.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

After devotional exercises, conducted by Brother N. H. Johnson, the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. E. J. Forrester.

The minutes of the preceding session read; roll called and absentees noted. (At this time very few of the delegates were present, and owing to the press of business, the roll was not thereafter called. In consequence, the Clerk is unable to decide definitely who were present, and gives in the list of delegates, all who were appointed by the various churches.)

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

On motion, report on Ministerial Education ordered to be read at a later hour.

Report on Staté Missions, R. C. Keeble, chairman, read, and made the special order of business for 10 o'clock.

On motion of Dr McIntosh,

Resolved: "That after this meeting of the Association there shall be one report on Missions, embracing the work of State, Home and Foreign Missions, and that the Committee upon this subject be requested to inform themselves as fully as practicable of the work and wants of the several interests herein indicated."

Report on Sabbath Schools, Rev E. J. Forrester, chairman, read, and after discussion by several brethren, the following resolution was offered by Rev G. S. Anderson, and adopted

Resolved.: That the report on Sunday Schools be recommitted with instructions to give information and such suggestions as their wisdom may dictate on the subject of Sunday School literature and report again on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

Report on Religious Condition of the Churches read and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

We your Committee on the Religious Condition of Churches, beg leave to make the following report:

From the reading of the several church letters we find that some of our churches have enjoyed copious refreshings from the presence of the Lord. This report does not come from all of them. Indeed the greater proportion of the churches do not report any revival during the year. Some are reported to be in a cold, luke warm state. We are led by these facts to enquire, why so cold? Notwithstanding our financial depression, we have been blessed above our just dues. Let us praise God for the work of grace manifested at some places, and earnestly pray that He may give us the much needed grace throughout our bounds ere we shall meet again.

A. J. KYNARD, Chairman.

Report on Home Missions read, and, on motion, laid upon the table for future discussion.

Report on Foreign Missions read, and, on motion, laid upon the table, to be discussed at a later hour

The hour of 11 having arrived, the special order of business, the report on State Missions, was taken up. In connection with this report, that of Rev. G. S. Anderson, Missionary of the State Board in the Cahaba Association, was read, and the reports, with those upon Home and Foreign Missions, warmly discussed by Brethren W. C. Cleveland, E. F. Baber, W. N. Huckabee and W. H. McIntosh.

On motion, report on State Missions adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The entire missionary work of Alabama Baptists—State, Home and Foreign, the work among colored people, the collection of funds for Ministerial Education, with Colportage work,—has been again entrusted to the State Mission Board by our State Convention.

Our State Mission work has never been so well organized as now. Have more missionaries in the field than ever before, and the outlook was never more bright and inspiring than it is to-day.

The withdrawal of the Home Board from our State to fields less favored, as recommended by the Baptist State Convention; the calls for help as yet unheeded, as well as other considerations, demand of each church in this Association an increase in its contributions to our State Board.

The Board proposes trying to raise this Associational year, (and not without good hope of success,) two thousand dollars, in the State for all the various enterprises of the denomination, and the proportion expected of this Association, is twelve hundred dollars.

Your Committee, realizing somewhat of the magnitude of the obligation imposed upon our State Board, would respectfully request and urge upon the pastors, particularly, of our Association their earnest and hearty co-operation, without which this grand work will suffer, if not become completely paralyzed. And in order that these different missionary interests may be well supported and sustained, your committee would suggest that mass meetings be held during the coming year, at which the claims of the different interests fostered by us could be urged and collections taken up. This plan has been adopted and has worked well in sister States and we do hope, now that the obligations and necessities upon us are greater than ever before, that it will be entered into with a hearty good will.

R. C. KEEBLE, Chairman.

REPORT OF EVANGELIST.

Brethren of the Cahaba Association of Alabama:

Upon an agreement with the State Board of the Alabama Convention, I entered your territory on the 15th of January last, and commenced work with Newbern, Uniontown, Greensboro and Oak Grove, as my first field of labor.

NEWBERN.

At Newberne I have filled every appointment and when not absent have kept up an interesting weekly prayer meeting. A Woman's Mission Society was organized in the spring. It has been instrumental in developing an interest on the subject of Missions among the Sisters, and sends \$15.60 for Missions to the Association. The congregations have been good and the interest in the meetings deep, since April. During August I held a series of meetings which continued nine days, in which I was assisted by Brethren T. M. Bailey and W. H. McIntosh, but principally by Brother P. C. Drew. In it a goodly number were

enquiring the way of life. Nine accessions have been made to the church during the year, eight of whom are heads of families and add great strength and efficiency to the church.

A good amount has been subscribed to the State Board which will be paid by the December meeting. The church has bright prospects for another year. Whilst a nucleus of good material possessed with the spirit of the Master has been formed, it will to some extent still depend on the State Board for help. A strong and influential church may be built up at Newberne.

UNIONTOWN.

I have thus far filled every appointment at Uniontown. The congregations here are sometimes large and sometimes small, owing to the weather and other circumstances. The regular Sunday congregation has, however, gradually increased. A Sunday school was organized in the spring numbering 15 scholars, which has been encouraged recently by the addition of new strength. A Woman's Missionary Society was also organized and now numbers sixteen members, and is doing good work in the church. The society sends \$5.60 to the Association for missions. The church agrees to try to raise one hundred dollars for State Missions. The church has made no effort to raise money before in seven years, the current expenses having been met by draft on the proceeds of the parsonage held by two of the deacons. \$120.00 of the parsonage fund will be paid over this fall, which will repair the house. The church has languished many years, but a brighter era has dawned upon it. Seven have been added to the membership during the year. A nine days' meeting of deep interest was held with the church in August; though commenced under adverse circumstances, the congregations grew and the interest deepened to the last. The membership are greatly encouraged, and rely on the State Board for help again another year.

OAK GROVE.

At Oak Grove I have filled the regular monthly appointments except in July and August. The September meeting was protracted nine days, Brother E. J. Forrester assisting me. The church was much revived and considerable interest manifested among the unconverted. 11 have been added to the church during the year. A Sunday school was organized in the spring but was suspended in August. Regular monthly collections have been taken up for Missions. The church is young but united and progressive in spirit. It wields a good influence which will doubtless be rapidly extended. It will contribute \$100 to the State Board this year.

GREENSBORO.

I have filled the regular appointments in Greensboro except those of August and September. The Presbyterian church has been used. The congregations have been good for that place. There are 10 Baptists in the town and some in the adjacent country. They have no church organization and no house. Whilst those there can be nothing but Baptists, yet they are not able to build a house and if they had a house, they would need assistance in supplying the pulpit for at least a year or two. Some of them thus far have been indifferent

but others are anxious for the work to be prosecuted. If the denomination will build a house which will cost about \$2500.00 and supply in part for two years the pulpit with efficient ministerial labor, I think the baptist cause will, under the blessing of God, be firmly planted there. I regard it as an important and inviting yet hard field for Baptist labor.,

I have during the year preached twice at both Brown's Station and Vaiden's school house to good congregations. I have also preached to the negroes in Newbern and Greensboro, which was received with marks of appreciation. I have also taught a class of four young negro preachers in Theology, using Pendletons Christian Doctrine for a text-book.

I have traveled about 1500 miles; preached 77 sermons; delivered 37 addresses; made 253 visits to families; received 27 members into the different churches; 26 by letter and 12 by experience and baptism. The truth has been preached in faithfulness to the best of my ability. My experience in the main no doubt accords with that of those who have performed mission work on difficult fields. The hard field for the most part to me has now become a pleasant one. I have met with much kindness and an increasing manifestation of friendship. The congregations have increased and the truth is seemingly received with a more hearty relish.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. ANDERSON,

Evangelist for Cahaba Association.

On motion, report on Home Missions adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Possibly the best report that we can make on this subject, will be to bring to the attention of the churches the following from the Appeal of the State Mission Board of Alabama:

The work of this Board demands more attention from Alabama Baptists. The Southern Baptist Convention has instructed it to withdraw its work from the older States having effective State organizations, and to address itself to the wants of the more needy States. We are not however to understand that the States from which it withdraws its work are to lessen their contributions from its treasury. There is still a vast field for it to occupy. In Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana and a large portion of Texas, a fearful destitution prevails which no State Board can meet. Let generous contributions be made to it, that it may do for those States what it has already done for others. The Board is instructed to give heed to New Orleans. This is right. Whilst we are supporting Dr. Taylor and his devoted band of evangelists in priest-ridden Italy, let us not be unmindful of New Orleans, the stronghold of Roman Catholicism in our own Southern land. We bespeak generous contributions for this particular field.

The work among the Chinese in California demands our sympathy and support. They are here not to stay, but to return to their own land. Let us embrace the opportunity offered and do our entire duty to them, that with

God's blessing they may return to China as Christians, carrying the light of gospel truth in their hearts and lives to their idolatrous countrymen. To this mission another laborer has recently been appointed, a lady of fine culture and devoted piety.

For the Indians no argument is needed; our duty is plain. We dwell on the lands of their fathers. Let us send them the gospel, that they may become partakers of a heavenly inheritance. Besides assuming its work in the State, we propose to raise \$2,500 for Home Missions, to be expended outside of Alabama.

We appeal to the churches of the Cahaba Association to do their part in securing this amount. We feel assured that this appeal will not be in vain.

L. R. GWALTNEY, Chairman.

On motion, report on Foreign Missions adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee deem it sufficient in making a report on this subject simply to recommend the following extract from the Address of our State Mission Board.

Loving Christ more our people are giving more attention to His last command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The fact that Southern Baptists give only an average of \$45,000 yearly to Foreign Missions, shows that we are Missionary more in name than in reality. As we contend earnestly for our peculiar doctrines drawn from the Bible, let us contend with equal earnestness for obedience to the Savior's last command to His people. Can we as Baptists be indifferent to the claims of 815,000,000 of the human family who are without the gospel? God forbid! Let us strengthen the cause of Christ at home, by praying and giving more liberally for the extension of His kingdom abroad. Will not Alabama Baptists give \$2,500 to Foreign Missions this Conventional year? We nearly doubled our contributions last year. Let us do so this year.

W. C. CLEVELAND, Chairman.

On motion of Dr. Cleveland, the Moderator appointed a committee of three, consisting of Brethren D. S. Hogue, H. T. Stringfellow and Benj. F. Bolling, to apportion among the different churches the amount asked for by the State Board.

On motion, adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. E. F. Baber.

On motion of Brother R. C. Keeble, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, It is thought that we should have a house of worship in Greensboro; and WHEREAS, the former house of worship there was sold, and a part of the proceeds turned into the treasury of the State Convention; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to investigate and lay the matter before the State Convention, or before this Association, and inquire whether under the terms of the transfer of money above recited, the Baptists of Greensboro, have any legal or formal claim upon said funds.

The Moderator appointed as the Committee, Brethren R. C. Keeble, G. S. Anderson and H. S. D. Mallory.

Report on Ministerial Education read, and after discussion by Brethren Cleveland and Murfee, adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

It is with a degree of embarrassment that your Committeeman enters upon the duty of a report on Ministerial Education, since he is a ministerial student; but the general importance of the subject suppresses personal conviction, and a report is submitted.

A peculiarity of Baptists, has ever been to exert no restrictions upon candidates for the gospel ministry, save evidences of conversion, church membership and evidences of a Divine call to the specific work. This practice has given rise to various grades of preachers in point of intellectual qualifications, and all of these classes have been necessarily useful in their respective spheres. To the labors of the uneducated as well as the educated, are we largely indebted for the great christian strength that we are proud to boast of to day, and we would not repudiate the practice of ordaining such earnest men to preach the gospel any more than we would ignore their zeal and labors. But if under God, and with very limited education, these men were successful, and education in the smallest degree was essential to their success, does it not follow that education in a more liberal degree would have given results in proportion?

Aside from past necessities, we know from observation that there is now an *increasing necessity* for an *educated ministry*. The masses to be preached to are rapidly increasing in refinement and knowledge. Every race and station of our people, through the agencies of literary schools, Sunday schools, and cheap and abundant literature, are moving to education with an impulse hitherto unknown in the history of our country. Our ministry must move in advance of this progress, otherwise they become subjects to be taught, rather than teachers, and thereby forfeit that dignity which Christ designed for the pulpit.

In considering the subject of ministerial education, it is important also to emphasize *what class of ministers* should be educated for that work. According to finite views there are two distinct elements entering pulpit ranks: first, those *called or chosen of God*; and second, those who are *not* called or chosen of God. The *former* seeking the *glory of God* and the *salvation of souls*. The latter inspired with selfish ambition and deluded with the erroneous idea, that the ministry affords a field for ease, wordly glory and profit. The former *will preach* the gospel to the utmost of their ability, with or without an education; and it is safe and commendable to educate this class. The latter will try the work, but they never stand to be tried by the work. To educate this class, in some instances, would be equivalent to sharpening a sword and placing it in the hand of the enemy. To draw the line of demarkation between these two classes does not require the work of a genius. The Holy Spirit has given us a rule in a number of qualifications requisite to the office of the ministry. These qualifications should be sought by the churches without partiality to individuals.

They should be exhibited, exercised, and in some degree developed, before the inducement of an education is offered. The idea of educating young men for the ministry has crept into the mind of some of our people. The converse of that is true of Baptists, that young ministers should be educated to be men for Christ.

It would be injustice to the cause advocated in this report not to call attention to the ample facilities accessible for ministerial education. In the midst of this Association proudly stands Howard College, the glory of the past and the hope of the future to the Baptists of Alabama. This institution is now in a high state of prosperity, affording a faculty unsurpassed for scholarship, moral influence and christian fidelity. It offers rare advantages of literary training to young ministers. In addition, it affords a theological class which meets weekly to exercise in the preparation and delivery of sermons. This class is an institution of President Murfee, and is presided over by him as a voluntary offering to the theological students and to the denomination. Your Committeeman having had an experience of three years as a student of Howard College, is able to state from what has been felt in his heart, and from what is indelibly written upon his mind, that it offers superior facilities for ministerial education. Respectfully submitted,

P. C. DREW.

In this connection the supplementary report of the Financial Committee on Ministerial Education was read and adopted

REPORT OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Committee to whom was committed the appropriation of funds raised for ministerial education, submit the following report:

1. The papers and funds reported to the last Association did not come again into the hands of your committee for some months after the meeting of the Association. The amount at our disposal was not, therefore, appropriated until March 17, when it was loaned to a theological student, to be returned before the close of the Associational year. It has been paid up with seven months' interest, as by accompanying statement, showing the amount of fifty-four dollars and five cents now subject to the order of the Association.

2. No other funds have come into the hands of your committee besides the balance reported at your last meeting.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOMAS. J. DILL,
J. G. APSEY,

Committee.

On motion of Dr. Cleveland, the funds on hand for Ministerial Education were turned over to Rev. P. C. Drew, who is pursuing his studies at Howard College.

Report on Funds for Indigent Ministers, Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers, read and adopted.

REPORT ON FUND FOR INDIGENT MINISTERS ETC.

We, your committee on the Funds for Indigent Ministers, Widows and Orphans, received of the Finance Committee at the last session of the Association fifty-nine dollars, of which amount we paid to sister Summers twenty dollars. We recommend that nine dollars of the balance be donated to sister Summers, and ask what disposition shall be made of the remaining thirty dollars.

O. H. PERRY,

E. S. WHITE,

D. S. HOGUE,

Committee.

On motion of Brother T. S. Bowen—

Resolved, That the fund now on hand be held by the Committee as a permanent fund for Indigent Ministers, Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers.

On motion of Dr. McIntosh, the following preamble and resolution was adopted after an interesting discussion by Brethren Forrester, Baber, Cleveland and Huckabee:

WHEREAS, The Alabama Baptist State Convention has recommended that a Woman's Missionary Society be organized in each church in the State; therefore

Resolved, That this Association concurs with the Convention as to the advisability of organizing these Societies, and earnestly requests the churches within the Association to give this work their hearty approval and co-operation.

Report on Nominations read, and on motion, adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee beg leave to report: We would recommend that the next meeting of the Cahaba Association be held with the Providence church.

Introductory Sermon by Rev. W. C. Cleveland D. D.

Sabbath School Address, Sunday morning, 9 o'clock—Rev. P. C. Drew.

Missionary Sermon, Sabbath, 11 a. m.—Rev. E. T. Winkler D. D.

Delegates to the State Convention—C. W. Collins, W. A. Bishop, J. D. Lawhorn, Jo. Evans, J. S. Ford, Enoch Fagan, W. H. Sadler, H. T. Stringfellow, W. H. Fiquet, J. B. Lovelace, A. M. Perry, P. C. Drew, W. O. Perry, W. R. Martin, N. Daniel, T. S. Bowen, Warren Hudson, Hugh Harralson.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM P. MCCOLLUM, Chairman.

Report of committee to apportion among the churches of this Association the amount asked for by the State Board for the various objects fostered by it, was read, and, on motion, adopted.

Antioch, \$15; Bethel, \$25; Bethlehem, \$10; Concord, \$30; Ephesus, \$20; Fellow-hip, \$50; Friendship, \$10; Hopewell, \$50; Harmony, \$5; Macedonia, \$10; Mars Hill, \$20; Mt. Pleasant, \$10; Mt. Hebron, \$10; Mt. Zion, \$20; Mt. Gilead, \$15; Macon, \$70; Newbern, \$20; Ocmulgee, \$40; Oak Grove, \$20; Pine Flat, \$20; Pleasant Hill, \$10; Pisgah, \$40; Providence, \$75; Sardis, \$10; Siloam, \$400; Selma, \$350; Union, \$15; Uniontown, \$20; Hephzibah, \$10; Medline, \$15; New Hope, \$5.

At this point of the proceedings, and at the special request of the Association, Dr. L. R. Gwaltney, President of the Judson, presented the claims of that Institution, and gave a gratifying account of the opening of the present session and of the prospects for the future. Dr. Murfee followed with a short talk.

We feel a special interest in this institution, placed in our very midst, and are sensible of the superior advantages offered by it for the moral and intellectual training of our girls.

On motion, the Report on Education omitted, for lack of time.

Report on Letters and Documents read, and on motion, adopted.

REPORT ON LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

We, your Committee on Letters and Documents, have examined the same, and find nothing demanding your attention. E. FAGAN, Chairman.

Report of Finance Committee read, and, on motion, adopted.

On motion of Dr. W. C. Cleveland—

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered this church and community for their hospitality during the session of this Association.

After singing and prayer, adjourned to meet with Providence church, Dallas County, on Friday before third Sabbath in November, 1882.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

At 7:30 o'clock, Rev. W. N. Huckabee occupied the pulpit, and preached a most instructive sermon from Psalms, 127:1, 2.

SUNDAY, 11 a. m.

Rev. L. R. Gwaltney, D. D., according to appointment, preached the regular Missionary Sermon to a very large and interested congregation; after which a collection, amounting to about \$30 was taken up for Missions.

SUNDAY, 2 p. m.

Rev. W. C. Cleveland, D. D., occupied the stand, and his sermon was received with every mark of approval by his audience. This, with the morning service, was highly edifying, and the crowd dispersed feeling much better for having listened to these eminent preachers of the gospel.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CLERKS' POST OFFICES	COUNTY.	Membership Last Reported.	Since Received by Baptism	Since Re'd by Let.	Since Restored...	Deceased	Excluded	Dis. by Letter	Total No. Memb's	No. Sunday School Scholars	No. Sunday School Teachers	No. Copies Religious Papers taken.	No. Copies S. S. Papers taken.
*Antioch	W. A. Bishop	William Rhodes.	Greensboro.	Hale	47	5	1	1	1	1	47	47	30	3	2	2
Bethlehem	W. A. Bishop	J. P. Harris	Harrisburg	Bibb	22	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	3	2	2
Concord	W. N. Huckabee.	S. A. Bolling	Perryville	Perry	97	6	1	1	1	1	96	96	20	6	10	10
Ephesus	A. M. Perry	J. W. Huey	Theo.	Perry	142	5	4	3	1	4	130	130	20	6	3	3
Fellowship	W. A. Bishop	J. L. Curb	Morgan Springs	Perry	100	6	1	1	1	1	102	102	15	2	7	7
Friendship	S. M. Adams	J. W. Cochran	Oakmulgee	Perry	72	10	1	1	1	1	62	62	20	4	6	6
Friendsb.	A. M. Perry	H. F. Hagard	Pinetucky	Perry	72	15	15	10	1	1	60	60	28	4	6	6
Hopewell	W. H. McIntosh.	A. A. Lide	Marion	Perry	65	15	15	10	1	1	40	40	6	6	17	17
Harmony	B. F. Giles	J. E. Walker.	Newbern	Hale	15	15	15	10	1	1	2	2	24	4	3	3
Macedonia	J. S. Ford	W. R. Stivender.	Havana	Hale	42	1	1	1	1	1	40	40	48	4	17	17
Mars Hill	A. J. Kynard	A. P. Ford.	Marion	Perry	75	1	1	1	1	1	75	75	48	4	3	3
Medline																
Mt. Pleasant.	W. A. Bishop	B. F. Bishop	Carthage.	Hale	19	2	2	2	2	2	18	18	21	2	4	4
Mt. Hebron	O. Stephens.	P. T. Harris	Green Springs	Hale	24	1	1	1	1	1	21	21	41	2	4	4
Mt. Gilgoad	A. M. Perry	W. T. McCraw	Centerville.	Bibb	41	1	1	1	1	1	41	41	2	2	4	4
Mt. Zion	I. U. Wilkes	J. N. C. Brown	Centerville	Hale	43	7	2	2	2	2	52	52	20	2	9	9
Macon	E. J. Forrester	J. T. Collins	Macon Station	Hale	18	5	3	3	3	3	18	18	20	2	20	20
New Hope	Carter Tubb	J. S. Davis	Ellin's Mill	Hale	75	5	3	3	3	3	82	82	27	4	33	33
Newbern	G. S. Anderson	O. F. Shivers	Newbern	Hale	106	2	1	1	1	1	8	99	48	4	10	10
Oakmulgee	P. C. Drew	W. O. Perry	Oak Grove	Perry	21	11	1	1	1	1	31	31	20	4	37	37
Pine Flat	G. S. Anderson	W. P. McCollum	Marion Junction	Dallas.	80	1	2	2	2	2	80	80	45	4	6	6
Pleasant Hill	P. C. Drew	J. M. McCullough	Felix	Perry	53	1	4	4	4	4	8	49	20	3	10	10
Pisgah	J. S. Ford	T. M. Gaddie	Carthage.	Hale	114	5	1	1	1	1	112	112	35	6	35	35
Providence	P. C. Drew	W. W. Smith	Perryville	Perry	92	3	2	2	2	2	91	91	20	2	45	45
Sardis	E. F. Raber	J. F. Averyt	Orrville	Dallas	73	3	2	2	2	2	66	66	20	2	283	283
Siloam	O. Stephens	R. S. Tubb	Ironville	Perry	345	21	5	5	5	5	20	333	200	20	13	13
Selma	E. T. Winkler	J. L. Wyatt	Marion	Perry	233	8	18	1	1	1	14	235	160	20	78	78
Union	W. C. Cleveland	A. J. Goodwin	Selma	Dallas.	72	6	6	6	6	6	78	78	19	19	71	71
Union	J. S. Ford	H. T. Stringfield	Greensboro	Hale	72	6	6	6	6	6	78	78	19	19	71	71
Uniontown	G. S. Anderson	P. H. Pitts	Uniontown.	Perry	209	125	65	20	23	17	108	2068	813	71	475	475

*1 Colored Member. 124 Colored Members.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

CHURCHES.

	Pastors' Salary.	Church Expenses.	Missions.	Ladies' Mis. Soc.	Ministerial Education.	Poor.	Minutes.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Expenses.	Total.
Antioch.	90 00						1 20			91 20
Bethel.	80 00		4 00		50		1 50			86 00
Bethlehem.										
Concord.	125 00	15 00								140 00
Ephesus.	50 00	50 00					1 50	5 00	5 00	615 00
Fellowship.	100 00	5 00	13 65				2 00	2 00	2 00	224 65
Friendship.							2 00	3 50	3 50	9 00
Harmony.			2 50				50			3 00
Hepsibah.	44 00	5 00	10 00				2 00			61 00
Hopewell.	250 00		50 00				1 00			301 00
Macedonia.	45 00						1 50			46 00
Mars Hill.							1 50			1 50
Medline.										
Mt. Pleasant.			6 75				1 00			7 75
Mt. Hebron.			4 00				2 00			6 00
Mt. G. Lead.	70 00		10 00				2 00			82 00
Mt. Zion.	150 00		11 25				1 50			162 75
Macon.	400 00	10 00	70 00				1 00	3 00	3 00	487 00
New Hope.							1 50			1 50
Newbern.	160 00			15 60			1 45			177 05
Ocmulgee.	100 00	5 00	20 00				2 50		7 50	135 00
Oak Grove.	100 00		20 00				2 00			122 00
Pine Flat.	100 00	48 00	12 50	1 00			2 00	17 09	11 99	192 58
Pleasant Hill.	38 00		3 00				2 00	2 00	47 00	47 00
Pisgah.	110 00	10 00	5 00				2 50	6 00	6 00	139 50
Providence.							2 00			2 00
Sardis.	300 00	20 00	75 00				2 00		10 00	407 00
Siloam.	2500 00	197 45	349 52		71 00	147 00	3 00	72 31	51 85	3589 82
Selma.	1500 00	1024 13	350 00			51 35	3 00	169 63	79 53	3477 64
Union.	75 00	2 50	13 50		1 50		1 50			95 50
Uniontown.	100 00			5 60			1 50	8 00	8 00	123 10
	\$6097 00	\$1392 08	\$1029 97	\$22 20	\$73 00	\$198 35	\$49 65	\$292 03	\$191 37	

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR.

MISSIONS.

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FINANCE.

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